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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 19

Human rights

1. At its 16th meeting, on 28 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 19, Human rights, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 19)).
2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the proposed biennial programme plan of programme 19, Human rights. Support was also expressed for the implementation of the Human rights reform called for in the 2005 World Summit Outcome and the view was expressed that the High Commissioner's plan of action was reflected in the proposed biennial programme plan of 2008-2009, which would enable the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to effectively carry out its mandate. Appreciation was expressed for the activities carried out under the programme in supporting States in the realization of human rights. The close cooperation with Governments in implementing the programme was noted; however, the view was expressed that efforts were not entirely sufficient and many key issues remained unresolved.



4. The view was expressed that some aspects of the 2008-2009 biennial programme plan did not account for some important aspects of the current and prior biennial programme plans, such as some objectives which appeared to deviate from prior objectives. The view was also expressed that legislative mandates should guide the formulation of the biennial programme plan and, as such, some aspects of the plan not endorsed by intergovernmental bodies should not constitute part of the plan.

5. Questions were raised regarding the geographical distribution of OHCHR staff, as referred to in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, and follow-up action to the management review of the OHCHR, contained in document A/61/115. Information was requested on the impact of the management review on the recruitment policies and the composition of the staff.

6. The view was expressed that most of the indicators of achievement of programme 19, Human rights, were based on quantitative measures, but that they should include qualitative measures as well. The view was also expressed that several indicators of achievement appeared to measure the activities of Member States, but the basic task at hand was to gauge the work of OHCHR and the assistance the Office provided to Member States.

7. The view was expressed that, in general, subprogramme 1 covered the necessary functions of OHCHR to advance further integration of human rights, in particular at the country level. Support was expressed for part A, Human rights mainstreaming, and a call was made to focus on field activities. However, the view was expressed that the fact that various bodies of the United Nations system had specific mandates related to part A was not reflected, and support for activities related to racism and racial discrimination was not sufficiently addressed under part C, Research and analysis. The view was expressed that Member States should be provided briefings regularly on the training referred to in paragraph 19.7 (d). The view was also expressed that certain elements of the subprogramme were subject to the outcome of intergovernmental consultations, such as those related to the reform of the human rights bodies. Their inclusion of those elements in the plan at the current stage was thus questionable.

8. The view was expressed that subprogramme 1, part B, Right to development, must be strengthened and viewed as an integral part of the human rights programme. However, opposition was also expressed to the narratives of that part of the subprogramme as presented. Support was expressed for the multidimensional strategy that would be pursued under part B.

9. A query was raised on the specific types of activities planned under subprogramme 1, part C, Research and analysis. The view was expressed that the activities of the subprogramme would enhance the effectiveness of the United Nations in the area of human rights. The inclusion of gender issues in the subprogramme was welcomed, while the view was expressed that other cross-cutting issues, such as regional issues, should also be reflected.

10. The view was expressed that it was fundamental to support the Human Rights Council, in particular in light of the review and, where necessary, improvement and rationalization of all mandates, mechanisms, functions and responsibilities of the former Commission on Human Rights, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 60/251. Support was expressed for subprogramme 2 and for

strengthening it. A query was raised as to how the goals of subprogramme 2 would be accomplished.

11. The view was expressed that expected accomplishment (e) of subprogramme 2 appeared confusing.

12. Support was expressed for the joint initiatives undertaken under subprogramme 3 by the United Nations and Member States in improving their capacities to implement international human rights standards. The view was expressed that fact-finding activities should be carried out in a balanced manner. The view was also expressed that some of the indicators of achievement were difficult to quantify. The view was further expressed that certain elements of subprogrammes 3 and 4 had not been approved at the intergovernmental level.

13. The contribution of subprogramme 4 to the special procedures mechanism was commended. The view was expressed that the mechanism was particularly significant to the deliberations of the universal periodic review mechanism as the quality and use of documents of the special procedures was significant to that process also. A query was raised on the methods to be used to close gaps in the implementation of international human rights standards referred to in expected accomplishment (a) of subprogramme 4, as gaps were likely to threaten development. Support was expressed for the initiatives of the fact-finding procedures.

14. The Committee emphasized that the OHCHR plan of action referred to under section 23 should be in accordance with the legislative mandates adopted in the relevant intergovernmental bodies. It recommended that the plan of action should be considered by the relevant legislative bodies for its realignment with the legislative mandates prior to its implementation.

15. The Committee stressed that the report of the Secretary-General referred to in paragraph 74 of document A/60/537 did not constitute the legislative mandate as regards the role of OHCHR in conflict prevention efforts.

16. Although the Committee had an exchange of views, there was not sufficient time to review the following amendments proposed to the revised estimates relating to the 2005 World Summit Outcome (programme narratives, section 23, Human rights, for the biennium 2006-2007) contained in document A/60/537.

Paragraph 62

At end of the second sentence, insert the words “and that they should be treated in fair and equal manner, on the same footing and with the same emphasis”.

In third sentence, after the words “actively protect”, insert the words “and promote”.

At the end of the third sentence, insert the words “recognizing that they are interlinked and mutually reinforcing”.

Paragraph 63

Insert new subparagraph 63 (f) to read: “In paragraphs 127, 128, 129, 130, the Assembly reaffirmed its commitments to continue making progress in

the advancement of the human rights of the world's indigenous peoples, recognized the need to pay special attention to the human rights of women and children and for persons with disabilities to be guaranteed full enjoyment of their rights without discrimination and noted that the promotion and protection of the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities contribute to political and social stability and peace and enrich the cultural diversity and heritage of society”.

Paragraph 69

In the first sentence, replace the phrase “and serve as a full partner, within the United Nations and with Member States, national institutions, civil society and other interlocutors” with the phrase “by the competent bodies of the United Nations system in the field of human rights and to make recommendations to them with a view to improving the promotion and protection of all human rights”.

Paragraph 70

Delete the paragraph and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Old paragraph 71

Replace the paragraph with the following: “70. Civil society organizations are key partners of the United Nations, particularly in the field of human rights, and are key actors in promoting and protecting human rights at the national level. OHCHR will build stronger ties with civil society and work with it to contribute to long-term human rights achievements”.

Old paragraphs 72, 73 and 74

Delete the paragraphs and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Subprogramme 1

Human rights mainstreaming, right to development, research and analysis

Old paragraph 77

Replace the last sentence with the following: “This, in turn, requires a strengthened capacity of OHCHR to develop expertise and make it available to the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, to conduct research and policy analysis.”

Old paragraph 79

In the first sentence, after the words “to promote” replace the rest of the sentence with the following: “the advancement of the right to development and the integration and/or inclusion of the promotion and protection of the right to development into the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration,

and national development plans, programmes and strategies, including poverty eradication strategies”.

In the third sentence, after the words “women’s human rights”, insert the words “which will work in close cooperation with the Division for the Advancement of Women avoiding duplication of activities.”

Old paragraphs 80 to 83

Delete the paragraphs and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Outputs

Old paragraph 84

Under paragraph 23.40, delete subparagraphs (b) and (b) (i) to (b) (iii).

Under paragraph 23.42 replace subparagraphs (b) (i) and (b) (ii) with the following:

“(b) (i) Booklets, fact sheets, wall charts and information kits: learning packages on promotion of the advancement of the right to development, the integration and/or inclusion of the right to development into developmental activities, national development plans, programmes and strategies, including poverty eradication strategies, the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration as well as on human rights and the right to development; compilations of best practices; awareness-raising tools and kits (e.g., brochures and posters); booklets of frequently asked questions;

“(ii) Promotion of legal instruments: provision of expert advice to Member States, United Nations entities and others on promotion of the advancement of the right to development, the integration and/or inclusion of the right to development into developmental activities, national development plans, programmes and strategies, including poverty eradication strategies, the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration as well as on human rights and the right to development.”

Delete subparagraphs 23.44 (b) and (c) (i) and reletter the subparagraphs.

In old subparagraph 23.44 (c) (iii), after the words “cultural rights and on the”, insert the words “promotion and”.

Replace old subparagraph 23.44 (d) (i) with the following: “At the end of the subparagraph add best practices in promotion and protection of women’s rights, including countering all forms of violence against women, strengthening protection of victims of trafficking and awareness-raising”.

Subprogramme 2

Supporting human rights bodies and organs

Outputs

Old paragraphs 88 and 89

Delete the paragraphs and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Subprogramme 3

Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities

Old paragraph 91

In the first sentence, delete the word “mainly”, replace the words “action at the national level” with the words “a coherent national policy” and, at end of the sentence, add the words “at the national level”.

In the second sentence, replace the words “monitoring, follow-up” with the words “support, upon request, for national follow-up processes”.

Old paragraph 92

Replace the words “around clear, long-term strategies agreed with Governments” with the words “to support, upon their request, Governments’ strategies” and, after the word “developed”, add the words “as appropriate and in accordance with national legislations”.

Old paragraphs 93 to 96

Delete the paragraphs and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Subprogramme 4

Support for human rights fact-finding procedures

Old paragraph 100

Replace paragraph 23.68 (c) with the following: “(c) Provide adequate services and technical support for the intergovernmental meetings aimed at the revision and rationalization of the mandates, functions and responsibilities of the system of special procedures”.

Programme support

Paragraph 102

Replace the third sentence with the following: “Similarly, an increased capacity to better promote the effective enjoyment by all of all human rights and promptly address gross, massive and systematic violations of human rights will need to be supported by adequate administrative and logistical structures”.

Replace the fourth sentence with the following: “To meet current and future recruitment needs and ensure that suitably qualified staff is identified on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and with gender balance, OHCHR will need to develop and maintain rosters of candidates matching its various job profiles”.

17. The Committee also did not have sufficient time to review the following amendments proposed to the programme narrative of programme 19, Human rights, of the proposed biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009.

Overall orientation

Paragraph 19.1

Replace the first sentence with the following: “The overarching purpose of the United Nations human rights programme is to promote the universal enjoyment of all human rights for all”.

Delete the third sentence.

Replace the phrase “Assembly resolution 48/121 establishing” with “Assembly resolution 48/141 establishing”.

At end of the paragraph replace the words “and 60/1 on the 2005 World Summit Outcome” with the words “and 56/95 on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit and 57/300 on strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change and 60/1 on the 2005 World Summit Outcome”.

Add a new sentence as follows at the end of the paragraph: “The programme is based on the principles and recommendations of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action”.

Paragraph 19.2

After the word “complete”, insert the words “as appropriate”.

Paragraph 19.3

Replace the paragraph with the following: “19.3 The Office will continue to strive for the universal realization of all human rights for all through the implementation of the Charter’s provisions on human rights and of the international human rights instruments adopted by the United Nations. The decisions of policymaking organs will guide this effort. Emphasis will be placed on the enhancement of cooperation at the international, regional and national levels, keeping in mind that it will be drawn on the values of the Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome document, which call for the promotion of democracy, the strengthening of the rule of law and respect for all internationally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development. Priority will continue to be given to emphasizing the importance of human rights on international and national agendas, upholding the principle of equality and non-discrimination, combating discrimination on grounds of race, sex, language or religion, advancing the rights of children and women, raising awareness of human rights at all levels of education, responding to the needs of the vulnerable for

protection and addressing situations of gross and systematic violations of human rights as identified by the Human Rights Council and other relevant United Nations human rights organs.”

Paragraph 19.4

Replace the first sentence with the following: “Increased support for human rights implementation will be provided to Member States, at their request, through, inter alia, assistance to national capacity-building, technical cooperation, human rights education and other activities.”

In the third sentence, after the word “procedure”, delete the words “other relevant United Nations organs”.

Replace the penultimate sentence with “Particular efforts will be made by Member States to review and, where necessary, improve and rationalize the United Nations mechanisms in the field of human rights, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolutions 48/141 and 60/251.”

Replace the fourth sentence with “The programme will strive to meet the essential challenge of ensuring the enjoyment of human rights worldwide.”

Paragraph 19.5

Insert the word “reflecting” before the word “measurements”. Delete the words “and its partners” at the end of the paragraph.

**Subprogramme 1A
Human rights mainstreaming**

Objective of the Organization

Replace the objective with the following: “to advance the promotion and protection of human rights and to further include human rights and their gender dimension into development, humanitarian and rule of law activities of the United Nations.”

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) with the following: “(a) Wider inclusion of the promotion and protection of all human rights and their gender dimension into development, humanitarian and rule of law activities across human rights programmes as well as relevant programmes of United Nations departments and/or offices and agencies.”

In expected accomplishment (b), delete the words “building and” before the word “strengthening”. At the end of expected accomplishment (b), replace the words “systems for human rights protection” with the words “human rights capacities”.

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (a) with the following: “(a) Increased number of appropriate and applicable human rights policy guidelines adopted by United Nations system agencies and inter-agency mechanisms”.

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with the following: “(b) Increased number of projects and activities undertaken by United Nations system agencies and United Nations country teams that include human rights, as appropriate, as part of their development work”.

Strategy***Paragraph 19.7***

Replace the paragraph with the following: “19.7 This part of the subprogramme will play a leadership role in pursuing inclusion of all human rights into development, humanitarian and rule of law activities within the United Nations system, mindful of human rights norms and the decisions of policymaking organs. The strategy will focus on:

“(a) Placing human beings at the centre of United Nations programmes and activities in the development and humanitarian areas, thus contributing, inter alia, to the promotion and protection of human rights at all levels;

“(b) Developing methodologies to facilitate the inclusion of all human rights into United Nations policies, programmes and activities for development, including by promoting a rights-based approach to development;

“(c) Contributing to developing the capability of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations country teams, through training, advice and methodological tools to assist Member States, at their request, in enhancing national capacities to promote human rights.”

**Subprogramme 1B
Right to development****Objective of the Organization**

Replace the objective with the following: “to advance the promotion and protection of the realization of the right to development and to enhance support from relevant bodies of the United Nations system for this purpose and the most recent resolutions on this matter, including Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/4, second preambular paragraph”.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a) delete the words “in global partnerships for development” and add the following at the end of the sentence: “aimed at the full realization of the right to development, in particular across human rights programmes and the relevant programmes of work of the departments and offices of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and major international organizations and forums related to this issue”.

In expected accomplishment (b), after the words “and understanding of”, add the words “realization of”.

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (a) with the following:

“(a) (i) The extent to which the right to development has been included in the work programmes of the departments and offices of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, with a compilation of examples of concrete steps taken in that regard

“(ii) The extent to which the mandates relevant to the right to development given to the Secretariat, including the holding of seminars and workshops, have been fulfilled”.

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with the following:

“(b) (i) Increased number of activities, analytical papers and information materials relevant to the right to development, in order to advance its full realization, organized and made available by OHCHR within and outside the United Nations

“(ii) The extent to which the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner contributed to increasing knowledge, awareness and understanding in order to advance the full realization of the right to development, in accordance with the Declaration on the Right to Development”.

Strategy

Paragraph 19.8

Replace the paragraph with the following: “19.8 This part of the subprogramme will pursue a multidimensional strategy for the implementation of the right to development, in cooperation and collaboration with United Nations system agencies, in accordance with the Declaration on the Right to Development and subsequent mandates and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, with the aim of facilitating action to be taken by relevant bodies of the United Nations system, including treaty bodies, as well as other relevant international institutions and organizations and non-governmental organizations. The strategy will focus on”.

Add a new subparagraph (a) to read as follows: “(a) Placing the implementation of the right to development as an integral part of fundamental human rights, ensuring the realization of the right to development across the human rights programme and by specialized agencies and United Nations treaty bodies as a legitimate concern and priority for the international community.”

Old paragraph 19.8 (a)

At the beginning of the sentence, replace the word “Providing” with the words “Enhancing the”. Reletter the subparagraph as 19.8 (b).

Old paragraph 19.8 (b)

Replace the paragraph with the following: “Ensuring the realization of the right to development across the human rights programme and by specialized agencies and United Nations treaty bodies”. Reletter the subparagraph as 19.8 (c).

Old paragraph 19.8 (c)

Insert the word “including” before the words “in global development” and the words “inter alia” after the word “through”. Reletter the subparagraph as 19.8 (d).

Old paragraph 19.8 (d)

Replace the paragraph with the following: “Promoting the inclusion of the promotion and protection of the right to development in technical cooperation assistance to countries, upon request, as well as in national development strategies, such as, inter alia, poverty reduction strategy papers, where they exist, national Millennium Development Goals strategies and United Nations development frameworks, through close cooperation with Member States and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes”. Reletter the subparagraph as 19.8 (e).

Insert a new subparagraph to read as follows: “Promoting national implementation of the right to development through coordination with countries”. Letter the new subparagraph as 19.8 (f).

Old paragraph 19.8 (e)

Delete the words “increased engagement at the country level” after the words “including through”. Reletter the subparagraph as 19.8 (g).

Add a new subparagraph (f) to read as follows: “Promoting cooperation at the regional and international levels, setting specific criteria for the assessment of global development partnerships from the perspective of the right to development and establishing an effective evaluation and monitoring mechanism to this end.”

Subprogramme 1C

Research and analysis

Objective of the Organization

Replace the objective with the following: “to strengthen respect for all human rights by increasing knowledge, awareness and understanding of human rights issues through research and analysis”.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) with the following: “(a) Enhanced effectiveness of the United Nations efforts to strengthen respect for the enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by everyone,

including women, children, persons belonging to minorities, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons affected by HIV/AIDS, migrants, victims of trafficking and victims of involuntary disappearances”.

In expected accomplishment (b), delete the words “reduction and combating HIV/AIDS” at the end of the sentence.

In expected accomplishment (c), delete the words “and country levels” at the end of the sentence.

Delete expected accomplishments (d), (e) and (f).

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b), at the end of the sentence, replace the words “and developing rights-sensitive poverty eradication reduction strategies” with the words “the effective support to the implementation on the Millennium Development Goals”.

Delete indicators of achievement (d), (e) and (f).

Strategy

Paragraph 19.9

At the end of the first sentence, delete the words “to support effective engagement with countries and global and national-level partnerships and to provide leadership to meet current human rights challenges”.

Delete the second sentence.

Paragraph 19.9 (a)

Revise the paragraph to read as follows: “(a) Advocacy for the indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights by providing support to the established mandates and enhancing substantive and methodological expertise; contributing to the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and new forms of discrimination; promoting the rule of law and democracy; eradicating poverty; strengthening respect for the enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by everyone, including combating the disadvantaged situation or exposure to discrimination of groups such as women, children, persons belonging to minorities, indigenous people, persons with disabilities, persons affected by HIV/AIDS, migrants, victims of trafficking and victims of involuntary disappearances”.

Paragraph 19.9 (b)

Delete the words “standard setting and” before the word “clarification”.

Delete the word “protection” after the words “capacity-building”.

After the word “advocacy”, insert the words “support to the”.

Paragraph 19.9 (c)

After the word “including”, insert the following phrase: “wider support for the work of the mechanisms created to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and for the implementation of the measures proposed by the intergovernmental organs dealing with those matters in virtue of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, as well as”.

Subprogramme 2

Supporting human rights bodies and organs

Objective of the Organization

Replace the objective with the following: “to support the United Nations human rights bodies and organs, including the Human Rights Council, and to facilitate their deliberations by ensuring and enhancing their effective functioning, with a view to supporting the implementation of human rights instruments and the enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by everyone at the national level”

or

At the end of the objective, add the phrase “while avoiding selectivity and double standards”.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), before the words “and technical support”, insert the word “appropriate”. Delete the words “in developing and implementing the methodology to carry out their functions” at the end of the accomplishment.

Revise accomplishment (b) to read as follows: “(b) Timely delivery of required substantive and appropriate support to States parties related to their participation in more streamlined reporting procedures before treaty bodies.”

Delete the word “substantive” after the word “required” and the words “as well as from country visits and consideration of individual complaints” at the end of accomplishment (d).

Delete accomplishment (e).

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator (a) (i) to read as follows: “(a) (i) Increased availability of documents submitted on time and prompt provision of substantive and technical support to the intergovernmental machinery and its subsidiary mechanisms in compliance with the relevant rules and regulations for the issuance of documentation, including through the use of new information technology facilities and tools”.

Insert new indicator (a) (iii) to read as follows: “(a) (iii) The quality and timeliness of services provided by the Office of the High Commissioner”.

Insert new indicator (a) (iv) to read as follows: “(a) (iv) Reduction in the number of documents and the extent to which reports prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights were presented in a timely manner, in compliance with the six-week rule for the issuance of documentation for consideration by organs dealing with human rights”.

Revise indicator (b) to read as follows: “(b) Increased support to the States parties submitting reports”.

Revise indicator (c) to read as follows: “(c) Development of new ways to disseminate and increased number of communications or information on treaty body recommendations and decisions”.

Delete indicators (d) (i), (ii) and (iii).

Insert new indicator (d) to read: “(d) Increased level of satisfaction expressed by members of the treaty bodies on the assistance and support provided by the Secretariat for the preparation of their respective treaty bodies’ concluding observations and recommendations”.

Paragraph 19.10 (a)

Replace the subparagraph with the following: “(a) Providing substantive and technical support, as well as ensuring the analytical capacity of human rights treaty bodies for the review of reports of States parties and for the processing of complaints under international treaties”.

Paragraph 19.10 (b)

Replace the phrase “coordinated support for the improvement, rationalization and streamlining of existing procedures” with the phrase “the review and, where necessary, improve and rationalize the existing human rights mechanisms”.

At the end of the subparagraph, insert the phrase “in accordance with their respective mandates and works”.

Paragraph 19.10 (c)

Replace the subparagraph with “(c) Facilitating deliberations and decision-making by human rights bodies”.

At the end of the subparagraph add the phrase “and abiding by the principle of objectivity and neutrality”.

Paragraph 19.10 (d)

Replace the subparagraph with “(d) Strengthening the OHCHR Documents Processing Unit, acting in close cooperation with the United Nations Office at Geneva, with a view to more effective rationalization and streamlining of OHCHR documentation”.

Paragraph 19.10 (e)

Delete the words “and coordinating” after the word “enhancing”.

Delete the phrase “in order to assist in closing gaps in implementing international human rights standards and complying with treaty commitments by States parties”.

Paragraph 19.10 (f)

Replace the subparagraph with the following: “(f) Promoting ratification of the human rights conventions”.

Subprogramme 3 Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities

Objective of the Organization

At the end of the objective, add the following: “while focusing on assisting the countries concerned to realize the right to development and promote the protection of the right for women, children, minorities and persons with disabilities”.

or

Replace the objective with the following: “to assist countries, at their request, in efforts to strengthen their national plans to promote and protect human rights”.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) with the following: “(a) Enhanced capacity of the United Nations to provide assistance at the request of countries to support their national actions and plans in the field of human rights”.

Replace expected accomplishment (b) with the following: “(b) Fulfilment of the mandates given to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner in resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Human Rights Council to support human rights monitoring mechanisms, such as special rapporteurs and representatives and expert and working groups mandated by policymaking bodies”.

Replace expected accomplishment (c) with the following: “(c) Enhanced support of OHCHR to human rights education and awareness-raising, including at the national level”.

Delete expected accomplishments (d) and (e).

or

At the end of accomplishment (e), add the following: “in accordance with the mandate given in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and/or the Human Rights Council and with the consent of the Government”.

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (a) with the following: “(a) Increased capacity of the United Nations country teams to support national actions and plans in the field of human rights at the request of Member States”.

Replace indicator (b) with the following: “(b) The number of seminars, workshops and training courses held or supported by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner; and the number of persons trained, participants in seminars and workshops and fellowships granted as well as data on their geographical distribution and the extent to which they contributed to the fulfilment of the objectives of the subprogramme”.

At the end of indicator (c), add the following: “to enhance awareness and effectiveness of the United Nations efforts to counter the disadvantaged situation or exposure to discrimination of groups such as women, children, persons belonging to minorities, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, migrants and victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance”.

In indicator (c), delete the word “institutionalized”.

Delete indicators (d) and (e).

Strategy

Paragraph 19.11

Replace subparagraph (a) with the following; “(a) In field activities, ensuring the efficiency of field missions and presences through the maintenance of contacts with Governments, appropriate sectors of the United Nations system, international and regional organizations and others by supporting and developing such activities through the development of training programmes and materials for human rights field staff and training in human rights for the appropriate components of other United Nations field operations”.

At the end of subparagraph (b), add the phrase: “in accordance with the mandate given in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and/or the Human Rights Council”.

or

Delete subparagraph 19.11 (b).

Replace subparagraph 19.11 (c) with the following: “(c) Providing advice and support to specific projects to promote respect for human rights, as well as education and training through technical cooperation programmes aimed at developing effective national human rights structures, human rights education programmes and comprehensive national plans of action. This assistance will be provided at the request of Member States through technical cooperation projects and, as appropriate, field offices”.

Replace subparagraph 19.11 (d) with the following: “(d) Strengthening United Nations cooperation at the regional and subregional levels for the protection and promotion of human rights and strengthening cooperation with

regional and subregional organizations, bearing in mind their respective mandates”.

Delete subparagraph 19.11 (e).

or

Replace subparagraph 19.11 (e) with the following: “(e) Raising awareness and promoting specialized knowledge about human rights through the organization of training courses, seminars and workshops and the production of a wide range of educational, training and informational material”.

Subprogramme 4

Support for human rights thematic fact-finding procedures

Objective of the Organization

At the end of the objective, add the following: “while ensuring the objectivity, impartiality and non-selectivity of their work”.

or

Add a second sentence in the objective to read: “to ensure the effective functioning of human rights monitoring mechanisms by assisting special rapporteurs and representatives, experts and working groups mandated by policymaking bodies”.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (a) with the following: “(a) Improved contribution by special procedures mandate holders, in the areas of their respective mandates, to the analysis of gaps in the realization of all human rights”.

Delete expected accomplishments (c) and (d).

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (a) with the following: “(a) Increased number of reports and recommendations made by the thematic mandate holders in analytical and programmatic documents and projects”.

Delete indicators (c) and (d).

Strategy

Paragraph 19.12 (a)

Replace subparagraphs (a) through (a) (iii) with the following:

“(a) Enhancing the assistance in order to strengthen the capacity of mandate holders to study, report and make recommendations within their mandates;

“(b) Providing credible and reliable information, coming from serious, responsible and reliable sources of specific thematic issues”.

Old paragraph 19.12 (b)

Replace subparagraph 19.12 (b) with the following: “Supporting and providing thematic, objective and impartial expertise to fact-finding missions”. Reletter to read 19.12 (c).

Old paragraph 19.12 (c)

Replace subparagraph 19.12 (c) with the following: “Disseminating knowledge of the findings and methodology of the thematic special procedures”. Reletter to read 19.12 (d).

Old paragraph 19.12 (e)

Delete the words “to early warning mechanisms and”. Reletter to read 19.12 (f).

Conclusions and recommendations

18. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly allocate programme 19, Human rights, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009, as well as the revised estimates relating to the 2005 World Summit Outcome (programme narratives of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 under section 23, Human rights)¹ to the Third Committee for its review and action, under the agenda item entitled “Programme planning”.**

¹ A/60/537 and A/61/131.